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1. In early December 1952 the Chinese Communists were constructing airfields at Changsha (N 28-12, E 112-59) and Linhsiang (N 29-37, E 113-23). The field at Changsha was outside the south gate of the city on a site occupying approximately 20 square kilometers.¹ After the completion of these two fields the Communists planned to abandon the Chihchiang (N 27-27, E 109-37) airfield (B-6).

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2. During the same period the Construction Works Company of Kwangsi began the reconstruction and repair of the airfield on the south bank of the river at Lungchou (N 22-22, E 106-56).² The Communists expected to complete the project in March 1953. This field, originally built by the Chinese Nationalists, had a total of 44,000 square meters before the start of the reconstruction project. The runways of the field totaled more than 450 (sic) meters when the Nationalists were in control, but in early December they were in a state of damage and disrepair.³ During the spring season, the field is usually covered with water.

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1. In addition to this new airfield there is a field east of the Hsiang River in the city of Changsha.
2. According to available information the only airfield at Lungchou is north of the Li and Ming Rivers.
3. [REDACTED] the airfield had one concrete runway 1,500 yards long and 35 yards wide in January 1952.

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1. In late December 1952 and early January 1953, there was no mass air activity in the T'zuch'i (N 30-00, E 121-28) and Ningpo (N 29-54, E 121-32) areas. However, a few planes flew over these areas during this period.
2. As of 13 December 1952, obstacles along the runway of the Amoy airfield had been removed.
3. In late December the Communists were selecting 1,500 students in Canton for aviation training in the northeastern provinces of China.
4. In early December the airfield at Haik'ou (N 20-03, E 110-20) had been put into operation, but the airfields at Sanya (N 18-16, E 109-30) and Yulin (N 18-13, E 109-43) had not been repaired or made serviceable.
5. On 13 December 1952 the Communists began repairing the runway of Wuchou (N 23-28, E 111-19) Airfield. Other construction in progress at the same time consisted of four anti-aircraft positions on top of the hill in Sun Yat Sen Park. Each position was connected with the central command post by a trench. Construction work was under the supervision of Soviet advisors.

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1. Comment. Although a number of reports received during the past two years have indicated two separate fields in the Sanya-Yulin area, photographic reconnaissance and other reliable sources have given no indication that more than one airfield exists in that area.

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